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(54) FINE FEATHER POWDER AND ITS PRODUCTION

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To produce the subject material suitable as a base for pharmaceuticals and cosmetics by using a keratin substance.

CONSTITUTION: Feather is immersed in an alcoholic solvent, ground in a mortar with a rotary pestle and pulverized with a ball mill to obtain fine feather powder. As necessary, the surface of the fine powder is subjected to myristylation, sulfonation and/or succinylation to obtain fine feather powder having modified surface. Fine feather powder can be produced in high yield with extremely low energy consumption. The fine feather powder produced by this process has various merits such as extremely excellent dispersibility in water, spreadability on the skin and excellent water-repellency when applied to the skin.

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